

Amesbury, July 28,
Dear Miss

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My dear Gray

I received last month your letter of the
14th Oct^r and since my arrival in town a valuable
parcel of your N. Carolina plants. On looking over
it I see many ~~very~~ interesting additions to my herbarium
and some *Gynanthera* which will be exceedingly useful
when I come to revise that genus for the *Prodrromus* if
~~ever~~ hope and trust, the younger De Candolle continues
it. I am now for three months in town, and excepting
finishing up the genus *Acacia* ~~for~~ which I have brought
with me I shall not do much in botany (besides
a little distributing work of Hartweg's & other collections)
till I return to Contreras.

With regard to *Leptoglossis*, I had already
referred it to *Schrankia* as you will see in the *fantasy*
n^o of Hooker's journal the MS of which has been in
the printer's hands since Oct^r & which I have not
therefore now before me. I had come to this conclusion
from two sources, 1st from a specimen carefully compared
with De Candolle's by Moricand of Geneva 2^d from a
specimen of Mettall's corresponding with that which
De Candolle had received. I find at the base of the
head male flowers, which the filaments (in Mettall's
well preserved specimens at least) appear in the dry state
flat & dilated and without anthers, but it is evident